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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I oppose the USTelecom petition.

I choose a competitive provider because I like using a smaller business. I like the service. I have had other providers, but I keep coming back to my local provider because they value me and it shows.

I DO NOT WANT a price hike that will increase the cost of internet and phone services.

If the petition passes, it will eliminate the right of independent carriers to serve customers on copper lines, and to use fiber to connect my providers networks around the state. That would impair their ability to deploy new gigabit fiber service.

Broadband is a necessity of work and life these days, and I really want to be able to have my choice of provider. A local provider. Not having that choice would be un-American!!

Sincerely,

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